

# COUNTRY PROFILE

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## SOLOMON ISLANDS

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<b>Subregion</b>	Oceania		
<b>Income group</b>	Lower middle income		

### PEOPLE

Population (millions) <sup>1</sup>	0.58	(2015)	0.76	(2030)
Urban <sup>2</sup>	22%	(2015)	29%	(2030)
Rural <sup>2</sup>	78%	(2015)	71%	(2030)
Population growth <sup>1</sup> (annual)	2.0%	(2015)	1.6%	(2030)
Human Development Index rank <sup>3</sup>	156/188 Low human development			
Languages <sup>19</sup>	Melanesian pidgin (in much of the country is lingua franca), English (official but spoken by only 1%-2% of the population), 120 indigenous languages			
Religion <sup>19</sup>	Protestant 73.4% (Church of Melanesia 31.9%, South Sea Evangelical 17.1%, Seventh Day Adventist 11.7%, United Church 10.1%, Christian Fellowship Church 2.5%), Roman Catholic 19.6%, other Christian 2.9%, other 4%, none 0.03%, unspecified 0.1% (2009 est.)			
Ethnic composition <sup>19</sup>	Melanesian 95.3%, Polynesian 3.1%, Micronesian 1.2%, other 0.3% (2009 est.)			

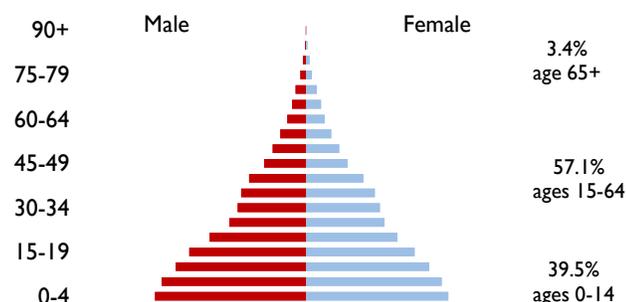
### GOVERNMENT

Capital <sup>19</sup>	Honiara
Government type <sup>19</sup>	Parliamentary democracy (National Parliament) under a constitutional monarchy
Head of State <sup>19</sup>	Queen ELIZABETH II (since 6 February 1952)
Head of Govt <sup>19</sup>	Prime Minister Manasseh SOGAVARE (since 9 December 2014)
Legislature <sup>19</sup>	Unicameral National Parliament
Females in Parliament <sup>4</sup>	2% (2015)
Corruption Perceptions Index rank <sup>5</sup>	n/a
Land area (sq km) <sup>7</sup>	27,990 (The size of Maryland)

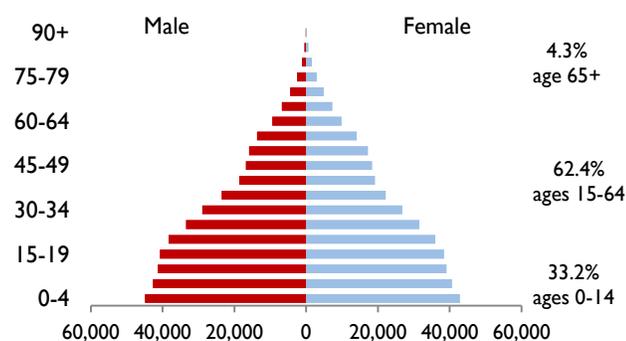
### OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

From all donors (US\$ millions, net) <sup>8</sup>	\$198.5	(2014)
as % of income <sup>7</sup>	18.95%	(2014)
per capita <sup>18</sup>	\$346.9	(2014)
From U.S. (US\$ millions) <sup>8</sup>	\$1.5	(2014)

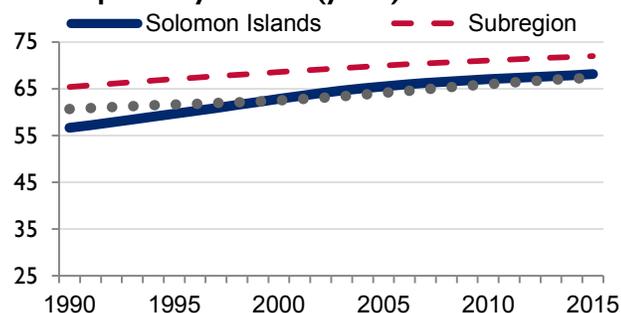
2015 population<sup>1</sup>



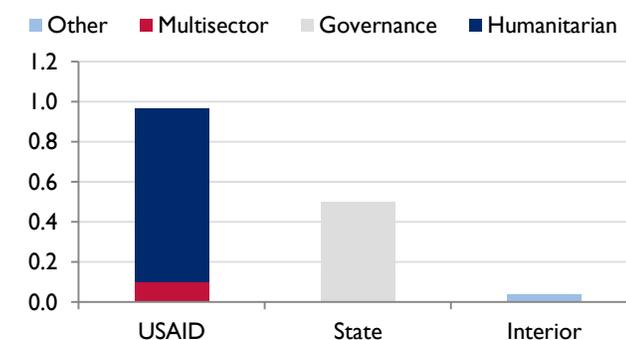
2030 population<sup>1</sup>



Life expectancy at birth (years)<sup>1</sup>



U.S. ODA by agency (US\$ millions, gross), 2014<sup>18</sup>



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## EDUCATION

Completion rate, primary gross <sup>7</sup>	87.3%	(2014)
Female completion rate <sup>7</sup>	87.7%	(2014)
Male completion rate <sup>7</sup>	86.9%	(2014)
Pupil-teacher ratio, primary <sup>9</sup>	20	(2014)
Pupil-teacher ratio, secondary <sup>9</sup>	26	(2012)
Public education expenditure (% of GDP) <sup>9</sup>	n/a	
Youth literacy rate (ages 15-24) <sup>7</sup>	n/a	
Children out of school, primary <sup>7</sup>	14,921	(2007)
Of which, female <sup>7</sup>	52%	(2007)
Of which, male <sup>7</sup>	48%	(2007)

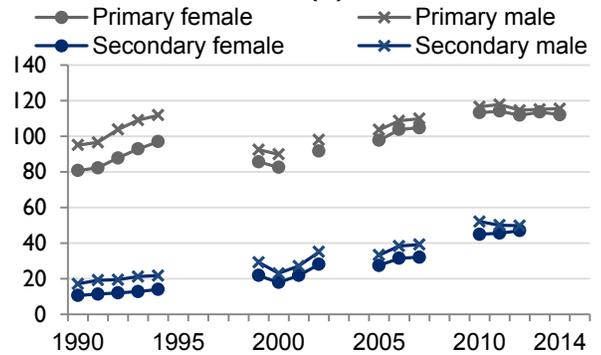
## ECONOMY

GDP (US\$ millions) <sup>7</sup>	\$1,157	(2015)
GDP growth (annual %) <sup>7</sup>	3.3%	(2015)
10-year average <sup>7</sup>	4.8%	(2015)
Merchandise exports (US\$ millions) <sup>10</sup>	\$687	(2015)
Merchandise imports (US\$ millions) <sup>10</sup>	\$490	(2015)
Percent of population living under \$1.90/day <sup>7</sup>	45.6%	(2005)
Share of income going to the poorest 20% <sup>11</sup>	n/a	
OECD average <sup>11</sup>		
Share of income going to the richest 20% <sup>11</sup>	n/a	
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Youth unemployment (ages 15-24) <sup>7</sup>	9.5%	(2014)
Annual inflation <sup>12</sup>	0.9%	(2015)

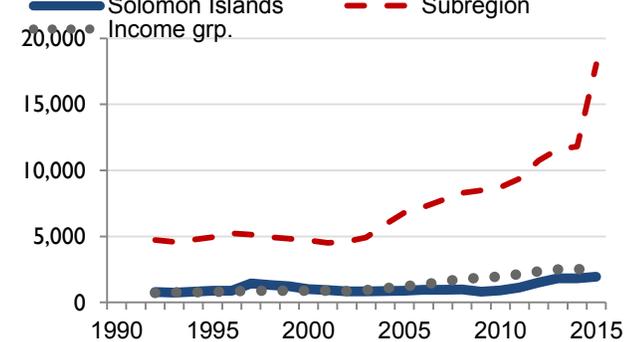
## HEALTH

Prevalence of HIV (ages 15-49) <sup>13</sup>	n/a	
Antiretroviral coverage (% of adults 15+ meeting WHO guidelines) <sup>7</sup>	n/a	
Prevalence of TB (per 100,000 population) <sup>14</sup>	133	(2014)
Deaths from malaria (per 100,000 population) <sup>14</sup>	9	(2013)
Prevalence of stunting (% of children under 5) <sup>15</sup>	n/a	
DPT3 immunization rate (children aged one) <sup>15</sup>	n/a	
Fertility rate (children per woman) <sup>15</sup>	n/a	
Modern contraceptive prevalence <sup>15</sup>	n/a	
Births attended by skilled health worker <sup>15</sup>	n/a	
Improved water source (% of population) <sup>4</sup>	81%	(2015)
Public health expenditure (% of GDP) <sup>16</sup>	5%	(2014)

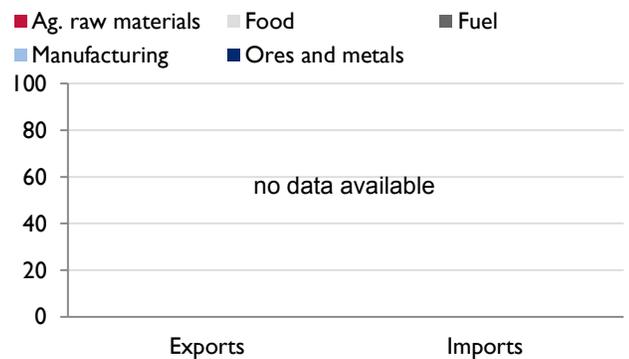
### Gross enrollment ratio (%)<sup>9</sup>



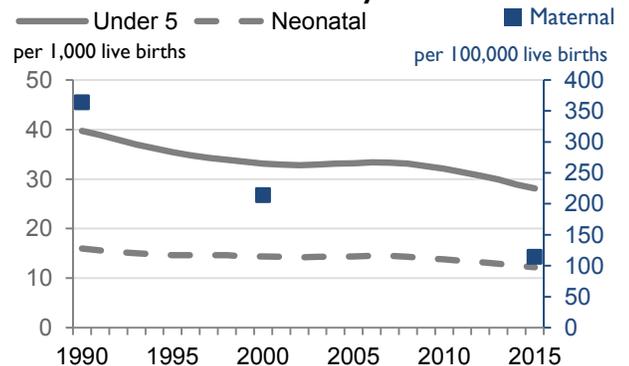
### Income per capita, US\$<sup>7</sup>



### Shares of merchandise trade (%)<sup>7</sup>



### Child and maternal mortality<sup>17,14</sup>



SOURCES: <sup>1</sup>UN, World Population Prospects; <sup>2</sup>UN, World Urbanization Prospects; <sup>3</sup>UNDP, Human Development Report; <sup>4</sup>UN, Millennium Development Goals Indicators; <sup>5</sup>Transparency International, Corruption Perceptions Index and Bribe Payers Index; <sup>6</sup>Mo Ibrahim Foundation, Index of African Governance; <sup>7</sup>World Bank, World Development Indicators; <sup>8</sup>OECD/DAC, Destination of Official Development Assistance and Official Aid - Disbursements (Table 2a); <sup>9</sup>UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) Database; <sup>10</sup>IMF, Direction of Trade Statistics; <sup>11</sup>Population Reference Bureau, World Population Data Sheet; <sup>12</sup>IMF, World Economic Outlook Database; <sup>13</sup>UNAIDS, Report on the Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic; <sup>14</sup>WHO, World Health Statistics; <sup>15</sup>Demographic and Health Surveys, STATcompiler; <sup>16</sup>WHO, Global Health Expenditure Database; <sup>17</sup>UN Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation, Child Mortality Estimates; <sup>18</sup>OECD/DAC, Creditor Reporting System (CRS++); <sup>19</sup>CIA, World Factbook; World Bank, Country and Lending Groups.